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Meeting in DeWolfe's Office at 1500 10 March 1948

1. Davis telephoned earlier this morning and explained that he had been called to DeWolfe's office yesterday on the subject matter of the meeting slated for this afternoon. He kindly volunteered to come over here this morning in order to advise us what the subject of the meeting was to be.

25X1A 2. To be present at the meeting today will be O'Conner and Nesbitt, of DeWolfe's office, and possibly DeWolfe himself, one or more members of the Desk responsible for [redacted] (including Mr. Hart, known to us as FBO representative and with whom we have had prior dealings), Davis, and you and I. The meeting is to be a closed session.

25X1A 3. The subject of the meeting is "The Feasibility of State Department's requesting the [redacted] to permit the installation of a high-powered Radio Station in [redacted] on the part of Mackey." Davis advises that O'Conner indicated to him yesterday that Mackey feels this projected installation would be advisable as a long range proposition, in view of the ever-increasing oil interests, etc., in the Near Eastern area. However, the Foreign Desk involved has informed O'Conner and the Policy people that they have additional reason to desire installation in view of "extremely poor communications service presently provided in [redacted]." Davis does not know any specific details on the party or parties who have started this, to me, stupid and unfounded rumor. Possibly our friend (?) Henderson, is solely responsible. I queried Davis as to whether the Foreign Desk concerned was aware of State's recent and continuing requests for expansion of our [redacted] to the extent of over-expansion with sub-minima personnel available, and what is even more important, the service has in actuality been very good to the best of my knowledge, despite the handicaps under which the net is operating. Davis and D/C are as burned up as I am at the moment with the above insinuations on the part of the Foreign Desk concerned.

25X1A 4. As far as the installation of Mackey radio station is concerned, I feel there is no objection. However, the factor of "extremely poor communications presently afforded" is to be over-ruled and tossed out at the meeting this afternoon and, further, as far as I am concerned, if the Foreign Desk fails to realize its error, we can damn well remove the radio from [redacted] as far as State is concerned, and use it solely for our own supply and logistical traffic.

Excellent morale building stuff for Cenny & all
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